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SUBJECT: USAF FACILITY AT TOKOROZAWA

REF: A) TOKYO 9592

B) TOKYO 9603

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOJ OF EXISTENCE OF AWASE FACILITY.

2. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS REF A ACCEPTED WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. DROP QUOTE IT IS MATCHED WITH A RECEIVING SYSTEM IN A FAR DISTANT AREA END QUOTE FROM ANSWER TO SECOND QUESTION.

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B. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION QUOTE WHAT IS ADC? END QUOTE,
CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ: QUOTE ADC MISSION IS TO
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL
FOR DETECTION OF THREATS FROM AEROSPACE AGAINST NORTH
AMERICAN CONTINENT AND OVERSEAS AREAS END QUOTE.

C. CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE OF ANSWER TO QUESTION QUOTE WHY
DID GOJ NOT MAKE PUBLIC THIS INFORMATION WHEN IT WAS
RECEIVED? END QUOTE TO READ: QUOTE MORE RECENTLY THE USG
INFORMED THE GOJ THAT THE FACILITIES WERE NO LONGER CONF
DENTIAL, AND THAT THE US HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE PUBLICA-
TION OF THESE FACTS. THE GOJ THEREFORE DECIDED TO MAKE IT
PUBLIC. END QUOTE.

D. FROM QUESTION BEGINNING QUOTE ACCORDING TO ASAHI
SHIMBUN OF JULY 19 . . . END QUOTE DROP QUOTE OF US END
QUOTE FROM END OF FINAL SENTENCE.

E. CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE OF ANSWER TO QUESTION BEGINNING
QUOTE IF SYSTEM SERVES EARLY WARNING OF ATTACK AGAINST US
. . . ? END QUOTE TO READ QUOTE EARLY WARNING FUNCTION IS
RELATED NOT ONLY TO SECURITY OF UNITED STATES BUT ALSO
TO SECURITY OF JAPAN AS SYSTEM IS CAPABLE OF DETECTING
LAUNCHES AGAINST ANY TARGET END QUOTE.

F. FROM ANSWER TO QUESTION BEGINNING QUOTE IT SEEMS
CLEAR JUDGING FROM CAPABILITY OF THIS FACILITY . . .
END QUOTE, DELETE OPENING CLAUSE QUOTE SUPPOSING FUNCTION
IS EARLY WARNING AGAINST MISSILES LAUNCHED BY SOVIET UNION
AGAINST US END QUOTE.

G. CHANGE LAST SENTENCE OF ANSWER TO LAST QUESTION TO
READ: QUOTE WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED BY THE USG THAT
THESE SITES ARE NO LONGER CONFIDENTIAL END QUOTE.

3. ADD FOLLOWING QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

A. QUESTION: IN WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES DOES THE UNITED
STATES HAVE OTH RADAR FACILITIES? ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND
THAT THE US OPERATES OTH RADAR SITES IN SEVERAL OTHER
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COUNTRIES, BUT THE GOJ DOES NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON THE
PRECISE FUNCTION OF US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS LOCATED
OUTSIDE OF JAPAN. END QUOTE. FYI: ALTHOUGH THE AIR FORCE
HAS AGREED TO THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE SITES IN JAPAN,
THE LOCATION OF SOME OTHER SITES ARE STILL POLITICALLY
SENSITIVE. END FYI.

B. QUESTION: DOES THE US HAVE OTH RADAR SITES IN

AUSTRALIA? ANSWER: THE USG HAS INFORMED THE GOJ THAT THE
US MILITARY FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA ARE UNRELATED TO THE
OTH SYSTEMS AT TOKOROZAWA, CHITOSE, AND AWASE.

4. FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND ONLY: WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW SYSTEMS, OTH RADAR IS BECOMING REDUNDANT AND MAY WELL
BE PHASED OUT IN A FEW YEARS. WE PREFER NOT TO INFORM
GOJ OF THIS UNTIL TERMINATION PLANS ARE FIRM, BUT WE DO NOT
WANT GOJ TO BE CAUGHT OFF BALANCE IF DECISION IS MADE TO
CLOSE FACILITIES IN JAPAN IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.
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